

## Design and Access Statement

### Proposed Plaque, 1 Esplanade, Robin Hood's Bay

#### Background

The proposed plaque was requested by the Parish Council and is being funded by the Sea Life, See Life Coastal Communities Fund. It forms part of a suite of works that have been designed to enhance the appearance, and promote the cultural heritage, of the village in a bid to help promote tourism.

#### Design and Materials

The plaque has been designed to reflect traditional bronze signs with raised lettering. It will be formed from epoxy coated aluminium which, compared to bronze, is a relatively affordable but durable material. It will be finished in white paint with raised lettering painted black. This black and white paint scheme has been designed to reflect that used in traditional, finger, sign posts found elsewhere within the parish. The finished sign will be affixed to the wall using plastic plugs secured with white painted stainless steel screws. Wherever possible, screws will be located within mortar joints to minimise damage to the stonework.

#### Location

The approximate size and location of the proposed plaque is shown on the attached photo.

#### Accessibility

The added benefit of the contrasting two-tone paint scheme is that it will enable relatively small lettering to be used whilst still enabling the script to be easily legible. The stand pipe and fountain are located on a public right of way and the proposed sign, whilst fixed to private property, will be clearly visible from this footpath. The fundamental purpose of the plaque is to provide information to both local residents and visitors about the standpipe and fountain and thus increase access to information relating to the heritage of the village.

#### Community Involvement

A representative of the Parish Council has been involved in seeking permission from the landowner and has also helped produce the wording that will be used on the plaque. This will read:

*Cast-iron water fountains once provided drinking water in Robin Hood's Bay. This is an original Victorian fountain (installed in 2016) of the type, formerly found here and outside the Laurel Inn.*

*Before mains water was connected to each property at the start of the 20th century the old fountain and adjacent public tap were in daily use to fill buckets for the residents.*

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